and Non-Gazetted Services of the State during the official year were as follows.—

Caste	Gazetted Service		Non-Gazetted Service	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Brahmins	592	41·29	15,069	34·20
Backward Communities ...	845	58·71	28,956	65·80
Total ...	1,437	100·00	44,025	100·00

893. Applications were called for, for the several kinds and classes of appointments and approved lists of eligible candidates were issued during the year. Apart from the appointments for which approved lists of eligible candidates were issued, 1,780 vacancies which occurred in other kinds and classess of service were individually advertised and dealt with. The response from qualified candidates for Classes II and III appointments was satisfactory. But, the dearth of graduates of Backward Communities for Class I appointments continued to some extent. Hence the scheme of holding the Public Service Competitive examination for recruitment to the ministerial service for the year was suspended.

894. Irregular appointments and promotions were promptly checked by systematic inspection of unit offices of recruitment by the inspecting staff. Even local appointments were not allowed to be continued in any unit for more than three months without the approval of the Public Service Commissioner.

(ix) Anti-Corruption

895. Enquiries were on hand in respect of 215 petitions at the commencement of the year. During the year, 826 petitions were received. Of the total number of petitions received, 225 containing allegations of a less serious nature were referred to the concerned departmental officers for necessary action. Among the other petitions enquired into, the allegations made in 102 instances were found to be either false or incapable of proof; and investigations in respect of 29 cases in which the allegations were substantiated resulted in 7 Government servants being compulsorily retired from service, one reduced, 3 depromoted and 5 fined and admonished. The entire staff of a Government Middle School and a clerk of the food section of the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, were warned and

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transferred. A sum of Rs. 200 was recovered from a Sub-Registrar since resigned, as he was found to have misappropriated an amount equivalent to it.

896. One Assistant Commissioner, who had been prosecuted under the Prevention of Corruption Act, was committed to Sessions. An official of the Excise Department, against whom a money trap was successfully laid and who was let on bail, absconded, and action was taken against his surety by forfeiting the surety bond and recovering a sum of Rs. 2,000 from him.

897. Seven cases of black-marketing involving 8 persons in which prosecutions had been launched in Courts of Law ended in convictions.

898. Foodgrain found to have been secreted by a Jodidar was forfeited to Government.

899. The quota of steel alloted to a licensed dealer was cancelled for violating the conditions of his license.

900. Action is being taken against one depot clerk who was engaged in black-marketing rice.

901. Charges were framed against 1 Assistant Commissioner, 1 Amildar, 1 Assistant Surgeon (II Class), 1 Agricultural Inspector, 1 Sub-Inspector of Police, 4 Revenue Inspectors, 1 Patel, 1 Shanbogue, 1 Electrical Line Inspector, 1 Superintendent of a Municipality, 4 Sub-overseers, and a clerk of the Public Works Department, 1 Textile Inspector, 1 Auditor, 1 Head Master of a Middle School and 1 Sheristedar of a taluk office.

902. Five cases of black-marketing were detected and further action in that behalf was being taken.

(x) Efficiency Audit.

903. Fifty-seven inspections were conducted during the year of which 16 were of taluk offices and 9 Sub-Division Offices. The inspections disclosed a number of cases of leakages and loss of revenue amounting to about Rs. 26,850 apart from a contribution demand aggregating to Rs. 74,000 which had not been booked and no effective action taken for its recovery. Necessary action is being taken to prevent such leakages. Thirty-eight petitions in regard to office irregularities and misappropriations were dealt with.

904. Among the more important matters investigated or enquired into in pursuance of the petitions received were